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MODULAR KITCHENS IN THE TRAINS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have decided to set up Modular Kitchens in all Mail/Express Trains to provide quality foods to the passengers;

(b) if so, the details thereof and progress made in this regard so far;

(c) the time by which the process is likely to be completed;

(d) whether it is also proposed to set up Automatic Vending Machines and food plazas/fast food units/quick service food kiosks at all railway stations in the country to facilitate the passengers for getting beverages and food items;

(e) if so, the details thereof alongwith progress made in this regard so far; and

(f) the details of names of railway stations selected for provision of such services, Zone/ State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) to (c) : No, Sir. At present catering services in trains are provided through pantry cars, mini pantries and train side vending.

(d) to (e) : Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) have been mandated to set up Automatic Vending Machines (AVM), Food Plaza/Fast Food Units subject to feasibility and viability of such projects over Indian Railways. So far, 52 Food Plaza/Fast Food Units and 443 AVMs have been commissioned by IRCTC.

(f) : State-wise information for such activities are not maintained. An Appendix indicating Zone-wise details of Food Plaza/Fast Food Units and AVMs is enclosed.